

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING JACKIE D. MÉNDEZ FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Jackie D. Méndez. Jackie is the founder and editor-in-chief of *Tu Revista Mujer*, Florida's first Spanish, female-focused health magazine. Established in 2009, the publication was created to address the health issues surrounding the Latina community. It is the first of its kind to interview celebrities and leaders of the Hispanic community to advocate for personal care and better quality of life.

Jackie is also one of the founders of *Talleres de Bienvenida*, the informative conferences for newcomers to Central Florida. Jackie is also the current executive director of the Pan American Medical Association of Central Florida—producing events, developing medical directories, and hosting health-minded programming for the community.

Born in Spain and raised in Puerto Rico, her career started with a degree in journalism from the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. She also worked at Casiano Communications as a sales manager of Buena Vida Magazine and GTV Magazine, and as the editor of Comercio and Produccion for the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce, before moving to Florida in 2002 with her two daughters. There, she began a career in advertising at *El Nuevo Día Orlando*, and in 2012, she became the communications director of the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida.

Mrs. Méndez's life's motivation is to serve others through education and awareness on issues of health knowledge. Her philosophy is that knowledge is the primary tool to combat ignorance and leads to valuable new perspectives.

For this and more, we honor Jackie D. Méndez.

### ANTHONY JIMENEZ, EAGLE SCOUT

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, in December of 2019, Anthony Jimenez earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He attends Rowan University in the music education program and just completed his first year. Anthony participated in the marching band and was awarded the rookie of the year award and has earned a leadership award every year after that. For Anthony's Eagle Scout project, he started a music program at Daniel's Den Community Center in Vineland, South Jersey. He donated and collected over 20 musical instruments

needed for the project and put in 130 hours of work dedicated to the launching of the music program. Over the course of Anthony's time as a scout, he earned 26 merit badges, and held positions as troop bugler, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, and senior patrol leader. In addition to all his successes, he is currently teaching eight merit badges to younger boy scouts online. Anthony is an inspiration to his peers and is looked up to by his fellow scouts and I know he will go on to achieve great things. God Bless Anthony and God Bless America.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on September 30, 2021 due to not being physically present in the District of Columbia. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: NO on Roll Call No. 311.

Today I was unable to vote on the Continuing Resolution due to being at an important hearing outside of the District of Columbia on behalf of a highly decorated Marine who is currently confined. The Democrats had a conclusive number of votes to pass the bill in the House of Representatives and my recorded vote of "no" would unfortunately not change the outcome. However, with the liberties of an American patriot and service member, Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Stuart Scheller, hanging in the balance, I came to his assistance to testify in person on his behalf.

When a member of Congress with my prior experience can potentially help someone who has repeatedly risked his life for our nation, it seems I have a duty to fight for the liberty and rights of all American citizens. A weighty decision had to be made, but protecting the legal rights and liberties of Americans, particularly one who has sacrificed so much, was the only choice to make. It is unfortunate that Democrats continue to spend at unsustainable levels and without any appreciation of the fact that their irresponsibility today jeopardizes the freedom of all Americans—those living today as well as those not even born yet.

### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, as co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Ukraine Caucus, I join Liberty lovers around the globe in congratulating Ukraine on its 30 years of restored independence.

Since my first trip to Ukraine in 1973, it has been an honor to watch Ukraine's inspirational

path to Liberty. In the dark days of Soviet-Russian occupied Ukraine, there were very few cars on the street, the buildings were gray, and people lived their lives in the shadow of secret police oppression. Yet, while Ukraine's progress has at times been jagged, even then, I personally witnessed her people's thirst for Liberty, and their desire to live in an open society.

Today's Ukraine is religiously and ethnically diverse, vibrant, and yes, a democracy. Her people have decided to cast off the yoke of Russian oppression. They wish to join the community of democracies, the Euro-Atlantic nations, and importantly NATO.

The U.S. Congress on a bipartisan basis has been the backbone over generations to support these aspirations. Ukraine's success is critical for U.S. national security. Indeed, she is on the scrimmage line for Liberty on the European continent.

The Congressional Ukraine Caucus strongly condemns Russia's ongoing illegal war and occupation of Ukrainian territories. The U.S. House of Representatives voted to increase security assistance by \$25 million for fiscal year 2021. To counter Russia's weaponization of energy against our allies and partners, the House unanimously adopted our bipartisan amendment in the FY22 National Defense Authorization Act to fully sanction the Nord Stream 2 pipeline. The Congress also strongly supports the U.S. pledge for \$1 billion in the Three Seas Fund to strengthen the region's energy resilience.

While our Caucus celebrates Ukraine's 30 years of restored independence, we also commemorate the 80th anniversary and honor the lives lost at the Babyn Yar massacre. We shall never forget the precious lives lost in this atrocity and in the Holocaust. We must work together to uncover historical truth to allow for historical reconciliation and to ensure acts like these never happen again.

In conclusion, our Caucus looks forward to working with freedom defenders around the world to ensure a Ukraine that is democratic, secure, prosperous, and at peace.

Onward Liberty, Onward Ukraine, Slava Ukraini.

### HONORING DR. DIANA MEJIA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Dr. Diana Mejia. Dr. Mejia is a dedicated and passionate advocate against domestic violence. As an activist for Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Advocacy for Change, Dr. Mejia aims to create a highlighted awareness within municipal and government agencies of a need for change in policies and legislation to enhance education and services that protect victims and survivors of violence and sexual abuse.

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Dr. Mejia has an 18-year track record of serving the culturally diverse population of Orlando, Florida, which is composed primarily of Hispanic women and their children. Through her work, Dr. Mejia has been able to mentor, teach, support, and advocate for many of these women and families. As a prevention practitioner provider, she continues to help families affected by sexual violence in the management of culturally relevant services, including immigrant communities, faith-based organizations, seminars, and culturally specific programs geared to prevent sexual violence. She has a particular passion for advocating for male survivors as well, and she has been invited to work in collaboration with the Mexican and Colombian consulates to educate their communities in Central Florida.

For this and more, we honor Dr. Diana Mejia.

MATTHEW PAULSON, EAGLE  
SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Matthew Paulson who recently passed his Eagle Board of Review to become an Eagle Scout. Matthew graduated from Cumberland Christian School in Vineland, South Jersey where he was a four-sport starting senior for basketball, baseball, soccer, and track. He was also a National Honor Society member and plans to attend Rowan University in the business management program. He is also very involved in his church where he volunteers as the leader of the church's technology crew. For Matthew's Eagle Scout project, he completed a playground restoration for Cumberland Christian School. He recruited and supervised 34 workers for over 265 hours to complete the project. Students at the school have had the opportunity to enjoy the playground renovation because of Matthew's willingness to make a difference for his community. Matthew is a born leader, as he served as his troop's patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, chaplain's aide, quartermaster, and troop guide. God Bless Matthew and all he has done for his community and God Bless America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF COUNTRY CLUB CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Country Club Christian Church. Since 1921, this church has received everyone, regardless of background, with open arms into their religious community. This church has made a tradition of service since its very inception, serving as a center of support for those who call Kansas City home. It is a great pleasure to have this house of worship and pillar of faith in my Congressional District.

Country Club Christian Church was founded in 1921 and it bears the name of its location, the Country Club District. While the church's name may bring to mind images of exclusivity, the church serves under the motto that "all means all," and they have always been committed to providing for and including each and every one of their neighbors. The church has been led by both male and female pastors and ordained its first LGBTQ Minister in 2013. Through its inclusive and loving community, Country Club Christian Church has embodied the notion of loving thy neighbor, making it a central message and mission at this parish.

Not only is Country Club Christian Church a center of worship but also a hub of service in its community. The church participates in community outreach and service, helping its marginalized members by partnering with Cross-Lines Community Outreach Food Kitchen every first Tuesday of the month to serve food to its members. Along with helping those neighbors within Kansas City, this church extends its arms to help newly arrived refugees and immigrants settle into their new homes in our community by providing them support through their transition into a new country.

Around the world, this church has embarked upon missions in Nicaragua, Haiti, South Africa, and India as well as several locations in the United States to provide service, a place of worship, and support for others. While on these missions, Church members helped build water filtration systems for a community in Nicaragua, delivered clothing and gifts to children in Haiti, and provided health services while in India. Additionally, the church organizes a Christian Community Camp each year. Held in the Rocky Mountains, this expedition allows members of the church to build friendships with each other while also growing and expanding their faith.

Country Club Christian Church has served for over a century, and that spirit of service holds true today. The assembly is a clearly devoted group which includes Federal District Judge Steve Bough and his wife, Kansas City Councilwoman Andrea Bough. Madam Speaker, because of the church's decades of service and commitment to communities at home and abroad, please join me in celebrating and honoring Reverend Carla Aday and the congregation of Country Club Christian Church for achieving this milestone. May the next 100 years be just as fruitful.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

**HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 60th Anniversary of the Delaware River Basin Commission.

60 years ago, under President Kennedy, governors from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York came together to sign concurrent compact legislation to form a regional body in order to protect, manage, and improve the Delaware River Basin. This profound coming together of the federal government and state governments as equal partners in signing of the Delaware River Basin Compact was a first in our nation's history.

Working together regardless of political boundaries, the Delaware River Basin Commission has worked tirelessly to ensure the health of the Delaware River and the surrounding ecosystems and communities through implementing flood damage reduction, protecting fisheries, abating and controlling stream pollution, improving water quality, and more.

I thank the Delaware River Basin Commission for their work, and congratulate them on their 60th Anniversary.

HONORING CRAMER VERDE IN  
HONOR OF HISPANIC HERITAGE  
MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Cramer Verde. Cramer was raised in Peru and now makes Florida his home. As a child, his father's work as a city councilman and business owner sparked his interest in helping others. He continues this legacy to this day, and still remembers his early involvement in supporting his hometown through community efforts.

Cramer received a degree in marketing and business administration from San Ignacio de Loyola University in Lima, Peru. There, he worked closely with the school administration and was president of the University Social Alliance. This student nonprofit organization worked with the vice president of Peru to provide educational and medical material to kids in low-income communities. These experiences helped cultivate Cramer's drive for success and spirit of hard work.

When Cramer moved to Sarasota in 2003, he quickly saw a need to change immigration policies and other issues. He mobilized and got involved with numerous organizations like UnidosNow, the ACLU of Florida, and LULAC Florida. Presently, he serves as political director of LULAC Florida and president of the Sarasota chapter of the ACLU of Florida.

In his professional career, Cramer has worked with the Small Business Administration of Peru, Microsoft, Bank of America, and many other groups, organizations, and companies. Cramer is an entrepreneur and currently the owner of Casa Verde Real Estate and Cramer Strategic Consulting, a marketing-political consulting company. He is a car aficionado, dog lover, husband, and is always looking at different ways to support and defend his community from any threats or harm.

For this and more, we honor Cramer Verde.

ISABELLA FREUND MISS TEEN

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am honored to be able to recognize Isabella Freund who was announced Miss New Jersey Outstanding Teen. A South Jersey native, Isabella will go on to represent our state in the

national competition this summer. She attended Ocean City High School and held multiple leadership positions and was heavily involved in community service. She raised over \$25,000 for Make-A-Wish and raised over \$2,000 for Children's Miracle Network hospitals. Isabella was inspired to give back to her community because of her brother, Antonio. Antonio was born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, and qualified to receive a wish from Make-a-Wish. After Isabella witnessed what Make-a-Wish did for her brother, she wanted to become a volunteer and actively fundraise to help other children like Antonio. Isabella says that our voices have the power to change the world, and she is absolutely right. Our young generation will be our future leaders, and I am honored to be able to recognize Isabella for all of her accomplishments. God Bless Isabella and God Bless America.

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NASA ARMSTRONG FLIGHT RESEARCH CENTER

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Armstrong Flight Research Center. Located on Edwards Air Force Base, NASA Armstrong is well-positioned in the western Mojave Desert of California for its innovative research and testing that keeps our Nation on the cutting edge of aeronautical advances.

Formerly known as the Dryden Flight Research Center in honor of Hugh Dryden, a former Director of Aeronautical Research for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), the Center was founded in 1946. With faith, ingenuity, and grit, 13 engineers and technicians from NACA's Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory came to Edwards Air Force Base, then known as Muroc Army Air Base, to prepare for the X-1 rocket plane's first supersonic flight in the Mojave Desert. Retired U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager completed this important supersonic mission, breaking the sound barrier on October 14, 1947 by flying the X-1 over Southern California.

In 2014, the Center was renamed the NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center to honor Neil Armstrong, a former aeronautical research scientist at Dryden and astronaut who became the first person to step foot on the moon. Since its inception, NASA Armstrong has been involved in historical space and aeronautical milestones, including supersonic and hypersonic flight and the development of our space shuttles. NASA Armstrong also developed the Lunar Landing Research Vehicle (LLRV) and served as the testing site for Apollo's famous X-15 rocket plane. The importance of the LLRV was recognized by Neil Armstrong, who said that the technology played a critical role in the success of the Apollo 11 mission.

Today, NASA Armstrong is known as the premier research center for testing high-risk

atmospheric projects in the United States. Its Research Aircraft Integration Facility can check the systems, electronics, and controls of aircraft simultaneously—the only facility controlled by NASA that can achieve such a feat. In addition to its research, NASA Armstrong is a leader in safety. In 2020, NASA Armstrong won the Federal Aviation Safety Award among Premier Federal Aviation Programs.

From the Stratospheric Observatory For Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) program to partnerships to advance commercial space, NASA Armstrong is helping America learn more about the vast unknown beyond Earth. As a faithful pioneer in aeronautics, NASA Armstrong is focused on advancing technology with projects like the X-59 which would demonstrate that supersonic flight over land is feasible by reducing the noise of the sonic boom. NASA Armstrong also supports progressing space technology with its management of the Flight Opportunities program to partner with industry to improve technologies for space exploration.

On behalf of the 23rd District of California, it is my honor to celebrate NASA Armstrong's historic 75th anniversary. I wish NASA Armstrong and its devoted team of nearly 1,100 civil servants and contractors continued success in maintaining America's edge in space and aeronautic research.

HONORING VIRGINIA OLIVER,  
MAINE'S OLDEST LOBSTER HARVESTER

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Virginia Oliver, who at 101 years old is Maine's, and perhaps the world's, oldest lobster harvester.

Known as Ginny to her friends, and affectionately called "The Lobster Lady" by us at home, Mrs. Oliver has been hauling traps off and on since the age of seven, a decade before World War II and at a time when few women were working on the water. When asked recently how much longer she'll continue lobstering, she shared that she has no plans to stop.

Three long days a week, May through November, Mrs. Oliver and her son Max tend their traps off Rockland, working one of the most hazardous jobs in the country. She pilots the boat named after her, cleans and fills bait bags, and measures and bands lobsters.

In Maine we take great pride in our strong work ethic, and Virginia Oliver, The Lobster Lady, is a bright example of why that pride is well-placed. I am honored to recognize this Mainer's contribution to our heritage lobster industry.

HONORING ANTHONY CARRILLO  
FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Anthony

Carrillo. Anthony Carrillo serves as the Florida regional director of the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration. As director, he represents the government of Puerto Rico and over 1.3 million U.S. citizens from the island who now call the Sunshine State home. In this role, he has provided much-needed assistance to the Puerto Rican community in the post-Hurricane Maria era, assisting small businesses with opportunities, helping thousands of citizens who relocated from the island, and helping former inmates to get second chances by providing community services such as housing, healthcare, jobs, and vital documents.

Mr. Carrillo is also the chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Puerto Rican Equality Coalition, a nonprofit organization focused on educating and advancing equality to Puerto Ricans. In 2020, the people of Puerto Rico elected him as a presidential delegate for President Joe Biden at the Democratic National Convention. Prior to his appointment as regional director, he served as Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration's District of Columbia office policy advisor in the government affairs division, where he was the lead advisor of the Puerto Rico Statehood Commission and handled multiple policy portfolios.

Moreover, from 2011 to 2015, Mr. Carrillo was the co-founder and elected chairman of the Young Democrats of America Hispanic Caucus, the largest youth Hispanic democratic organization promoting voter education and outreach in the United States. Mr. Carrillo received his higher education in Puerto Rico, is an Army veteran and current captain in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps and serves as the national security law chief of the 79th Theater Sustainment Command. In his spare time, Mr. Carrillo enjoys volunteering for multiple voting, civil rights, and veteran advocacy organizations.

For this and more, we honor Anthony Carrillo.

LIAM MILLAR, EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Liam Millar for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Liam graduated from Ocean City High School and has entered the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and is a Marine Engineering major. While Liam was in high school, he participated on his school's crew team and was also in the academic team club. For his Eagle Scout project, he put up a sign and shrubbery at his neighborhood playground, North Street playground. Before Liam stepped in to create this sign, there was no indication that the playground was there for people to enjoy. He worked directly with the mayor's office to put up the sign and shrubbery to add a scenic view of the playground. I am so proud of Liam's accomplishments and I wish him luck as he enters his sophomore year as a 3/C cadet. God Bless Liam and God Bless America.

# INTRODUCTION OF THE BRINGING REGULATORY ADVANCES INTO NEUROSCIENCE (BRAIN) ACT OF 2021

## HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Bringing Regulatory Advances into Neuroscience (BRAIN) Act of 2021.

Today, brain and central nervous system (CNS) disorders account for an incredible burden both on individual patients and their families as well as the United States health care system. One in five adults in America—more than 50 million people—live with a mental illness while 20 million Americans suffer from a neurological condition. Brain diseases and disorders cost the U.S. more than \$1.5 trillion per year, a significant portion of which is paid for by the Medicare program. Seven of the 21 chronic conditions tracked by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) are related to the brain and this represents an average annual cost of \$23,325 per Medicare beneficiary, higher than the average cost for all other chronic conditions.

The BRAIN Act of 2021 would establish a Neuroscience Center of Excellence (NCOE) under the Food and Drug Administration. Modeled after the FDA's Oncology Center of Excellence, an NCOE would create opportunities for innovation in the development and regulation of treatments for brain diseases and disorders. By focusing on patients, it would ensure that investments in research are more likely to produce safe and effective treatments which would provide relief for those who have been waiting too long.

The blueprint for a center of excellence like this was included in a discussion draft of 21st Century Cures 2.0, circulated by my colleagues Representatives DEGETTE and UPTON. The draft legislation would require the FDA to create at least two new intercenter institutes, including one focusing on high prevalence and burdensome diseases like those affecting the brain and CNS.

It is clear that there is an enormous need to address these conditions and a Neuroscience Center of Excellence would make significant progress for people who have been suffering for far too long.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

## SAINT LOUIS COUNTY NAACP

## HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, the rich roots of advocacy, activism, and community organizing etched in the NAACP's history continue to reverberate through the countless lives you all have touched. I am deeply heartened at the opportunity to celebrate the Saint Louis County Chapter of NAACP on 84 years of service and leadership in our community. St. Louis has unquestionably been made better by the work that they all have committed themselves

to, and I am honored to be their representative.

The fight for justice for Black people has been one fraught with pain and strife, but that very pain produces a strength and resilience in each of us that gives us the courage to fight onward amidst the adversity. That resilience is beautifully evidenced in this chapter's work throughout St. Louis. As our office continues to do the most for all people starting with those that have the least, I am grateful to be in this struggle alongside them. I thank the Saint Louis County Chapter of NAACP for their commitment and extend congratulations on 84 strong years.

## HONORING DR. JESUS "JV" ROA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

## HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Dr. Jesus "JV" Roa. Dr. Roa is an emergency medicine physician serving Central Florida in the Orlando Regional Medical Center Emergency Department. As the COVID-19 pandemic has evolved, Dr. Roa has been at the forefront of the response. As the director of resident professional development and emergency medicine clerkship director for Orlando Health, Dr. Roa was instrumental in leading the hospital systems' clinical teams in the emergency room. His work involved inspiring team members through challenging days while working long, strenuous hours. Dr. Roa contributed to developing treatment options including the use of emerging therapies for COVID-19 patients. Dr. Roa and his physician colleagues made critical decisions that impacted staff safety and allowed providers to clinically assess and treat patients, as well as deliver outstanding care.

In addition to his work with Orlando Health, Dr. Roa serves as medical director of the Orlando Police Department SWAT team, volunteering his time to train with the team that takes on the most dangerous assignments to resolve critical incidents. Using his military and medical expertise, earned through 20 years of service in the United States Army Reserves combined with three years of active duty as a combat medic prior to medical school, Dr. Roa helps train officers in the use of advanced tactics and specialized equipment, so they are prepared to handle dangerous, high-risk situations.

Dr. Roa trained at the Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University and completed a residency in emergency medicine at Orlando Regional Medical Center. He is an assistant professor of emergency medicine at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine.

For this and more, we honor Dr. Jesus Roa.

## THOMAS VAN DER MOLEN, EAGLE SCOUT

## HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending Thom-

as van der Molen's Eagle Court of Honor. For his Eagle Scout Project, Thomas designed and installed a paved walk path to connect the entrance to the gazebo with the community gardens. The red bricks that compose the walk path were all hand laid and will be enjoyed for years to come. This new walk path will greatly impact the accessibility of the community gardens for those who have mobility impairments and our elderly. Thomas was able to complete this project with the help of his troop, sponsorships from Home Depot and Atlantic Masonry, and his family. Thomas' dedication to this project will give more people the ability to access the gardens and he should be proud of his accomplishments. God Bless Thomas and God Bless America.

## IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL KATHLEEN M. MCGETTIGAN ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

## HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Kathleen M. McGettigan on the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of federal service at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Ms. McGettigan has dutifully performed in every role she has held at OPM, including as Chief Financial Officer, three separate Deputy Associate Director roles, and multiple appointments as Acting Director of the Agency. Ms. McGettigan holds the distinct honor of being OPM's longest serving Acting Director.

Ms. McGettigan consistently elevated OPM's work and mission throughout her career. She held herself to the highest standards and inspired those around her to do the same. Kathleen M. McGettigan's long and distinguished career exemplifies the very best of public service: dedication to country and commitment to serving the American people.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. McGettigan for her three decades of exemplary service.

## RECOGNIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL JANSON D. BOYLES AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

## HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the appointment of Major General Janson D. Boyles as the Chairman of the National Guard Association of the United States. Major General Boyles has enjoyed a distinguished career with the National Guard since he was commissioned in the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Mississippi State University in 1982.

General Boyles has displayed exceptional levels of leadership and competence in his service to our state and nation. In 2005, General Boyles managed the United States Army

Engineer Corps response to Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi. Then, in 2008, he deployed to Afghanistan with the 168th Engineer Brigade as Deputy Commander. He took this experience to his role as Chief of Staff of Kosovo forces in 2015. Through his leadership role in medical and engineer units in Mississippi, General Boyles has earned the position of Mississippi's top officer.

As the Adjutant General of Mississippi since 2016, Major General Boyles has led the state's ready force of more than 12,500 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen through crises and deployments, including natural disasters, civil unrest, and assisting the state in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. His leadership has elevated Mississippi's reputation among the country's National Guard units and has demonstrated a commitment to defending country and state through any contingency.

The National Guard Association of the United States in an integral partner to the National Guard's state associations and congressional delegations. The work that they do directly impacts Mississippi, and our state and country will be served well with General Boyles at the helm.

I congratulate Major General Boyles on this excellent achievement in his career. He will be an exceptional leader, and Mississippi is proud of his accomplishments.

#### HONORING JUANA DIAZ FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Juana Diaz. Juana was born in Polk County, Florida. Her parents immigrated from Mexico to the United States and worked as migrant workers. When Juana was a child, she recalls living in a migrant camp. There, she encountered a public health nurse who came to the camps to administer vaccinations and aid the workers in their overall health. The impact of that moment led her to believe that she could one day be a nurse and help her community.

In 1996, Juana applied to work at Winter Haven Hospital as a ward clerk. After working in the surgical intensive care unit, she recalls how the intensive care nurses were compassionate, caring, and brilliant, which inspired her to pursue a career in nursing. Juana understood that nursing was her calling.

After graduating from Polk Community College with her associates degree in nursing in 2003, Juana began her career in the same unit she started as a ward clerk. Throughout her career, Juana has had the privilege of helping many of her fellow Hispanic patients and families. She understood that language barriers frequently affected the care of these patients and made it her duty to help whenever she could. Juana obtained her certification in critical care nursing in June of 2009 and recently graduated with her bachelor's degree in nursing.

Juana has a strong work ethic, which she inherited from her parents. They came to this country not knowing the language or culture and achieved the American dream for themselves and their children.

For this and more, we honor Juana Diaz.

#### MARGARET FAUERBACH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of meeting Margaret Fauerbach who turned 100 years old on June 17th. Margaret was raised in Portland with her five brothers. While two of her brothers were serving in the U.S. Navy during WWII, Margaret met a sailor whom she married after a year of dating. Margaret and her husband, Rudy, had a son, Rudy Jr., and moved to Millville soon after. After Rudy was honorably discharged from the Navy, the two had their second son, Donald. Margaret was involved in cub scouts, serving as a cub scout leader, and she was also a Sunday School teacher, a Babe Ruth league volunteer, and served as a sorority leader. For years, Margaret and Rudy traveled in an RV to seashore campgrounds over the summer months. Margaret and Rudy were blessed with four grandchildren and five great grandchildren, who they could not be more proud of. They were married for 72 years before Rudy's passing, and she now enjoys cruises on the riverfront in her golf cart and taking care of her home. God Bless Margaret and her wonderful family and God Bless America.

#### REMEMBERING ERICKA EDWARDS JONES

#### HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize, remember and mourn the life of a dear friend and sister, Ericka Edwards Jones of Marrero and Algiers, Louisiana.

She lived a life of service and activism throughout her 48 years of life, as a longtime employee of the parish courts, and staffer of former Congressman William J. Jefferson, and as chief deputy of 2nd City Court under the leadership of Clerk Darren Lombard. She served with compassion and honor.

She thoroughly enjoyed politics, but, most importantly, public service. She was an incredible wife, mother, daughter, and friend. We will sorely miss her incredible smile, her leadership, her compassion for service.

Ericka was a devoted elected member of OPDEC. She had a smile that would light up the room. Ericka was passionate, and compassionate, and generous to a fault. She had a strong sense of style. Ericka brought a sense of calm and "I've got it under control" into complex situations.

We will miss Ericka, but her fingerprints will long live in the great works that she leaves behind.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family, with all that knew her, and all that will remember her forever. I'm sending prayers especially to her son Marcus Jones, Jr., her husband Marcus Jones, Sr., and to her parents.

The entire community of New Orleans will miss her deeply. I thank Ericka, and may she rest easy.

#### HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF REVEREND ROBERT MOORE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COALITION FOR PEACE ACTION

#### HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rev. Robert Moore for serving as the Executive Director of the Coalition for Peace Action (CPA) for 40 years. Rev. Moore has worked tirelessly on critical issues of peace including gun control, disarmament, the reduction of nuclear weapons, voter engagement, and countless other causes.

In his role as Executive Director, he has led critical peacemaking efforts through the Coalition for Peace Action, which celebrated its 40-year anniversary last year. Rev. Moore led many grassroots initiatives in the United States including the inaugural Peace Voter Campaign in 1995 as well as one of the largest demonstrations in national history in 1982 where one million people gathered in New York to call for a freeze on nuclear weapons.

In honor of Rev. Moore's illustrious career and dedication to peacemaking efforts, the Princeton Municipal Council declared that September 8, 2021 is "Reverend Robert Moore Day" in Princeton, New Jersey. Rev. Moore's dedication to building a more peaceful world is an inspiration to us all and today we celebrate the impact and importance of his work.

I congratulate Rev. Bob Moore on his notable achievements.

#### HONORING ARNALDO AMOROS FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Arnaldo "Arnie" Amoros. Arnie was born and raised in New York City. He is married to his wife Betsy and together they raised two children. Alex and Alexis, and one granddaughter, Ari. He joined the New York City Police Department in 1980 and retired as a lieutenant. In 2015, Arnie became president of the Fraternal Order of Police of Central Florida continues in this position to this day.

Arnie first came to Central Florida in 1996 as a deputy in the Sheriffs Office where he was instrumental the restructuring of several procedures. During this time, he helped introduce the NYPD's community policing concept to the office. On September 11, 2001, Arnie volunteered to assist in efforts at Ground Zero and remained there for a month. After his time with the Seminole County Sheriffs Office, Arnie fulfilled his duties at the Fire Marshal's Office until 2011 when he retired. However, he

continued to serve his community and in 2015, Arnie became president of the Fraternal Order of Police of Central Florida.

In 2016, Arnie helped draft a state bill which enabled all disabled Florida first responders who were injured in the line of duty to receive a homestead exemption. The bill was signed into law and took effect on January 2017. Arnie continues to contribute to investigative cases as an experienced officer and has enabled the arrest of two suspects in cold cases.

For this and more, we honor Arnaldo Amoros.

THOMAS MCGOWAN

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the honor of attending Thomas McGowan's send-off party celebrating his acceptance to West Point. I nominated Thomas because of his strong commitment to his community and his academics. He graduated from Mainland Regional High School where he took a total of 13 advanced placement classes and was also a member of the National Honor Society. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and held positions in his troop as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, senior patrol leader, instructor, and order of the arrow representative. In addition to Thomas' academic successes, he also played on his school's baseball team and also volunteered at numerous organizations. He was an American Legion volunteer since he was in 6th grade, and assisted his local veterans by participating in over 300 hours of giving back to those who served their country. His Eagle Scout project took over 40 hours to complete and he also did over 225 hours of other community service projects. I know Thomas will go on to achieve great things and will represent South Jersey with pride. God Bless Thomas and God Bless America.

### DRUG TREATMENT PIONEER MIKE WATANABE RETIRES

### HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, as he retires I rise to commemorate the career of a pioneer and advocate in drug treatment, Michael N. Watanabe. Mike and I became friends during the time that the crack cocaine epidemic devastated neighborhoods across Los Angeles, but his dedication to serving those struggling with addiction goes back much further.

Even as a high schooler in the 1960s, Mike had seen friends and neighbors of all races suffer and even die from drug overdoses. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1969, where he served as a Huey helicopter Crew Chief in Vietnam. His experiences there gave him further insight into the role that substances like drugs and alcohol play in people's lives. He emerged from his transition back to civilian life with a determination to help people. That led him to pursue a degree in social work at

UCLA, earning a scholarship through the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

In 1975 he joined the staff of the Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP). With offices in the heart of the Crenshaw district of Los Angeles, AADAP had been founded to assist Asians, Pacific Islanders and other underserved communities. Mike quickly saw opportunities to extend services, and to treat the whole person. He has dedicated 46 years of his life to AADAP, 39 of those years as the head of the organization.

During his tenure, AADAP grew from a small grassroots organization with 20 staff to a large, comprehensive service agency with over 120 professional staff serving a significant portion of Los Angeles County through ten service sites. AADAP boasts an impressive track record, serving all races and cultures, and offering residential and outpatient treatment, family support, job training, and a wide spectrum of programs providing prevention, intervention, and diversion services for substance use disorders.

In his nearly half-century of service, Mike has also leant his expertise to numerous national, state and local organizations and commissions. He has given workshops, seminars, testimony, and consultations to anyone who could benefit from his experience and vision for change. He has received innumerable awards and recognitions for his work as an educator, clinician and leader, including an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (LHD) degree from his undergraduate alma mater, California State University Northridge.

Countless lives have changed for the better due to Mike's work. Now, as he hands over the reins of this vital organization, I wish him and his family the very best, and I look forward to the next chapter of his life.

### IRON DOME CRUCIAL TO DEFEND FAMILIES

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, last week, in a move that stunned me and my Republican colleagues, the Democrats removed funding for the Israeli Iron Dome air defense system from the continuing resolution. Though I remain hopeful it will ultimately be included in the final package, it is unbelievable that scrapping this essential system was even being considered.

The U.S. and Israel have an alliance mutually beneficial for joint security and Middle East stability of peace through strength.

Israel is under regular rocket attack from the terrorist group Hamas, from Gaza and Hezbollah from Lebanon, and the Iron Dome, a product of U.S.-Israel security cooperation, is designed to intercept and destroy short-range rockets and shells the Iran-sponsored terrorists fire indiscriminately into their country, targeting civilians. Some 4,400 rockets were fired into Israel in May alone, and sadly, tens of thousands more projectiles may be stockpiled.

I have been to Israel and know first-hand the fear of attack felt by their citizens visiting mothers in Sderot who have traumatized children by rocket attacks, and mothers in Jeru-

salem who have horribly injured children by suicide bombers at Hadassah Hospital. Mass murderers must be stopped. The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) makes a difference alerting Americans with the truth by sponsoring conferences with Christian civic leaders as this week with Hope Walker from South Carolina.

So, we must continue to support their security needs as an ally and as a matter of the broader U.S. national security.

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the Global War on Terrorism continues moving from abroad to our neighborhoods.

### HONORING DR. LUIS HERRERA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Dr. Luis Herrera. As medical director of the Orlando Health Cancer Institute Thoracic Oncology Program, Dr. Herrera serves Central Florida by providing the most advanced levels of innovative care for patients with lung and esophageal cancer at the busiest thoracic surgery location in Florida. After attending medical school at the University of Puerto Rico, Dr. Herrera completed a general surgery residency at the University of Pittsburgh, followed by a cardiothoracic surgery fellowship at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, prior to joining Orlando Health in 2006.

Dr. Herrera is widely regarded as a pioneering senior thoracic surgeon with advanced expertise in lung cancer treatment and minimally invasive and robotic surgery. He has received a number of prestigious research grants, published dozens of journal articles and scientific abstracts, and holds academic appointments at the colleges of medicine at the University of Florida, University of Central Florida, and Florida State University.

In his current role as medical director, Dr. Herrera has led the significant growth of the Thoracic Oncology Program at Orlando Health Cancer Institute. Through effective recruitment, innovative technology, and operational efficiencies, he has developed the leading thoracic surgery program in Florida. He is now focused on developing a state-of-the-art lung cancer screening program, the first of its kind to Florida. Dr. Herrera also serves as co-director of the Orlando Health Advanced Robotic Surgery Program, chief of the Orlando Health Perioperative Governance Committee and member of Orlando Health's Oncology Executive Cabinet.

For this and more, we honor Dr. Herrera.

### VETERANS HORSE SHOW

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this summer, I had the honor of attending the Veterans Horse Show, hosted by NJ American Veterans

(AMVETS). NJ AMVETS is a non-profit organization committed to assisting our Veterans. Their organization is currently in the process of establishing a place where Veterans can receive Equine Therapeutic Assistance. These men and women should be recognized for their efforts to better the lives of South Jersey veterans and veteran families. God Bless NJ AMVETS and God Bless America.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. NEAL P. DUNN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and in support of the nearly half a million veterans living with prostate cancer in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) system. Our nation's heroes are diagnosed with prostate cancer at nearly twice the rate of the civilian population, and they deserve the best care our nation has to offer.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is already a notable leader in prostate cancer care through partnerships with the private sector and the nation's leading prostate cancer researchers and physicians, but improvements are needed—especially when it comes to consistent screening protocols and early diagnosis.

I have introduced the Veterans' Prostate Cancer Research and Treatment Act, which will give the VA the tools to do just that.

Prostate cancer is the number one cancer diagnosed at the VHA and this bill will improve the care our veterans receive every step of the way. Whether it be at an early screening, the difficult moment a veteran receives a prostate cancer diagnosis, during treatment, during recovery, or while receiving end-of-life care, our veterans deserve the best.

16,000 veterans are diagnosed with prostate cancer annually—nearly 43 each day. The most common cancer diagnosed in the VA health system should be met with the most recent clinical data, national expertise, and state-of-the-art technology.

Where a veteran resides should not determine the quality of care they receive. Early screening saves lives and early screening should be the standard of care at every VA.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting veterans with prostate cancer this month by supporting the Veteran's Prostate Cancer Research and Treatment Act.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF COUNCIL MEMBER EMERITUS LEONARD PAULITZ

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent from the City of Montclair, Council Member Emeritus Leonard Paul Paultitz. It is with more than a heavy heart that I share that Leonard Paul Paultitz passed away on August 24, 2021.

Leonard committed his life to serving his community. Leonard served his country in the U.S. Army after getting drafted for World War II during his senior year of high school. Shortly after earning his degree in accounting at Gan-non College in Erie, Pennsylvania on the GI Bill, Leonard met Constance Marie Howard and married her in August, 1954 in Ohio. Leonard, his wife, and his children shortly after moved to Montclair, California in 1960 and into the home where he lived the rest of his life.

Leonard took an active role in local policy-making soon after moving to Montclair. He served on the Planning Commission starting in 1965, and then was elected in 1978 to sit on the City Council. Leonard served humbly for nearly thirty-seven years on the Montclair Council Chamber and is the longest-serving council person in San Bernardino County, from March 1978 to December 2014. During this time, he also served as Mayor Pro Tem for eight years.

Leonard's leadership and vision resulted in countless projects that bettered Montclair and the region, including the expansion of Montclair Plaza before it became Montclair Place, Holt Boulevard, the Montclair Police facility, the Montclair Youth Center, and the Montclair Senior Center. He also served for 12 years on the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board, as Montclair's Representative to Omnitrans, the San Bernardino Association of Governments, and the League of California Cities, among many others.

Leonard's passion for local government and the betterment of his Montclair community is just one reason we will miss Leonard. Along with being dedicated to his public servant role, his love for gardening and tending to his citrus trees led Leonard to start the Montclair Community Garden and Orchard.

Montclair would not be the beautiful community it is now if it wasn't for the 49 years of wise leadership Leonard provided. His service and contributions to Montclair will serve as a model for many generations and will be a good example for future leaders.

Today, Madam Speaker, for his decades of commitment to our community and country in so many ways, we honor Leonard Paul Paultitz and thank him for the legacy he left in the City of Montclair and the greater Inland Empire community. May he rest in Peace.

#### HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR ANIBAL ALBERTORIO FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Command Sergeant Major Anibal Albertorio. Command Sergeant Major Albertorio is what he calls 91 years young. He served as a member of the United States Army from 1948 to 1971 as part of the 65th Infantry Regiment, also known as the Borinqueneers. He participated as an infantryman with them during the Korean War and later participated as sky trooper with the 1st Cavalry Division, 7th Cavalry Regiment during the Vietnam War.

During and after his military service, Albertorio received several awards including

the Korean War Bronze Star Medal for Valor, the Vietnam War Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service, and the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal, among many others.

Albertorio retired from military service after nearly 23 years and successfully retired from the private sector as well. He calls Central Florida his home since 1990. To date, Command Sergeant Major Albertorio continues to be a spokesperson for the Borinqueneers, carrying the torch for his brothers in arms, and keeping their legacy alive. He also helps to coordinate and create events to pay tribute to other Borinqueneers that have yet to receive a Congressional Gold Medal and participates in informative events to educate future generations of patriots about the U.S. Army's 65th Infantry Regiment.

For this and more, we honor Command Sergeant Major Anibal Albertorio.

**TERESA CALLWAY**

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, on July 14, 2021, Teresa Callaway and her husband David, were traveling eastbound on the Atlantic City side of Route 30, and came across an overturned vehicle. The couple stopped to lend aid, but suddenly, as they were in the process of carrying her to safety, another car entered the path. Tragically, Teresa was struck and killed. Ms. Callaway's last act in this life was to put a stranger's life ahead of her own, and she truly died a Hero. Let us please remember the courage and humanity that Teresa Callaway demonstrated during the last few moments of her life, when no one was watching her actions. God Bless Teresa, David, and their family, and God Bless America.

#### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GUA- DALUPE DANCE COMPANY'S FIRST PERFORMANCE

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today in celebration of the Guadalupe Dance Company's 30th anniversary of its first performance on September 15, 1991. The Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center founded the Guadalupe Dance Company in 1991 through a collaboration with the City of San Antonio and the Instituto Cultural de Mexico.

The Guadalupe Dance Company was created to build and promote a professionally-trained Mexican Folkloric Dance Company to represent South Texas, and has grown to be a premier professional dance company in the region.

The Guadalupe Dance Company was brought to life with cultural activists, community leaders and master artists led by then Executive Director Pedro Rodriguez. With dancers from in and around the San Antonio area, the Company debuted its first performance to



a full house for the Citysponsored Grito Ceremony on September 15, 1991 at the Lila Cockrell Theatre.

In 1994, Maestro Rafael Zamarripa was commissioned to create, choreograph and fully stage Rio Bravo, an original production telling the story of South Texas through a chronology of dance and music. With a cast of over 25 dancers, musicians and stage and film star Jesse Borrego, Rio Bravo helped set the course for the dance company. The Guadalupe Dance Company continues to create original productions as well as its ongoing First Friday events and staple annual productions which include Historias y Recuerdos, Dia de los Muertos, Alma de Mujer, Pastorela Folklorica and Celebrando Tradiciones.

The 30th Anniversary Celebration features the Guadalupe Dance Company and Mariachi Azteca de America. It will commemorate 30 years of dance, success, and evolution with repertoire from various states of Mexico. I am proud to honor the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, and its remarkable impact on San Antonio, and I look forward for many performances to come.

**HONORING ANGELITA SEDA FOR  
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Angelita Seda. Angelita was born in Brooklyn, New York to Puerto Rican parents. She began her career as a home health aide at a senior care center where she developed a passion for healthcare. After earning her nursing degree, she pursued higher education at Northern Essex Community College in Lawrence, Massachusetts, where she received degrees in medical assistance and billing.

Angelita loves her family. She has four daughters and one grandson. Her biggest asset is her tenacious attitude and willingness to keep trying to help people in need. Throughout her career, she has seen many people in need of quality healthcare, which has led her to develop a work ethic based on empathy for her patients.

As a senior licensed practical nurse at the Florida Department of Health in Osceola County, her responsibilities include school health and ensuring students remain healthy. Angelita has worked to provide back-to-school vaccinations and health screenings for school-aged children. She continues to play an important role in COVID-19 testing and vaccinations at the health department.

For this and more, we honor Angelita Seda.

DANIEL MILLAR, EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Daniel Millar for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Daniel graduated from Ocean City High School and currently attends

Rowan University majoring in electrical and computer engineering. While in high school, Daniel participated on his school's crew team all four years, and also was a member of the National Honor Society and Latin club. For his Eagle Scout project, Daniel put together a public book library exchange located at the entrance of Seaspray Beach in Ocean City. He worked with the local mayor's office and the Ocean City Public Library to help this come to fruition. Daniel thought of the idea because he worked as an Ocean City Patrol lifeguard and thought that people going to the beach would enjoy having the opportunity to read a book by the water. Daniel's innovation will help him go on to accomplish anything he sets his mind to. God Bless Daniel and God Bless America.

**REMEMBERING FIRE CHIEF  
WILLIAM F. GODDARD III**

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a Maryland hero and my dear friend, Chief William 'Bill' Goddard III of Huntingtown, Maryland, who passed away September 1. I was fortunate to meet Bill many years ago, when he was serving as Deputy Chief at the Prince George's County Fire Department, and it was a privilege to watch him take on so many roles in public service over the years and to work closely with him on matters critical to the safety of Fifth District residents and all Marylanders.

He began his life of contribution at the age of seventeen, serving in the Navy during the Vietnam War. After returning home, Bill became a volunteer firefighter at the Glen Dale Fire Association. From there, he moved on to the Prince George's County Fire Department, where he rose to the rank of Deputy Chief before leaving to serve the people of Maryland as Executive Officer for the State Fire Marshal. In the years that followed, he held various positions in our state government, from Deputy Secretary of State, to Director of the Governor's Board of Public Works, to Chief of Staff at the Maryland Department of Transportation. As we continue to mark the twentieth anniversary of 9/11, I would be remiss not to acknowledge Bill's key role as a state safety official on that fateful day and in the months that followed, providing guidance and expertise on preventing terrorism and ensuring public safety.

Bill had wanted to be a firefighter since he was fourteen years old, and his commitment to the job and the responsibilities it held never wavered. He said the saddest day of his life was when he retired from the fire service, and he didn't stay away long. When he got the call to serve again in 2009, Bill donned his uniform once more as Fire Chief and Emergency Manager for Howard County. In 2018, after retiring once more, he accepted an appointment as the City Administrator for Laurel, Maryland, returning again to public service.

In each of his roles, Bill was a tireless advocate for others. Wherever there was need, he never hesitated to give of himself and encourage others to do the same. He was a true public servant in every sense of the term, and an irreplaceable community leader.

More than that, Bill was a loving husband and father, and he was a cherished friend to me and so many others. All of us who served Marylanders alongside him and who knew him well share our deepest condolences with his beloved wife Marie, with his children—Kellie, Jordyn, Emily, and Stephen—and with his stepdaughter Brandi. We are grateful that they shared Bill with us all those years. Marie was truly a partner to Bill in public service, and she continues to give so much of her time and energy to their community.

I am grateful to have known and worked with Bill, and I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to his life and legacy. Keeping him in my thoughts, I will continue to fight for the health and safety of firefighters in Maryland and across our country, on whose behalf he advocated so tirelessly and effectively.

IN MEMORY OF ALEX ODEH

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to remember October 11th the day that Alex Odeh was assassinated 36 years ago. This somber anniversary is a stark reminder that his killers have still not yet been brought to justice. In fact, not a single suspect has been named. The pipe bomb that killed Mr. Odeh as he opened the door to the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's Santa Ana office that morning took his life and left a wife without a husband, three daughters without a father.

Alex Odeh was a Palestinian-American activist and civil rights icon who served as the West Coast regional director for the ADC. He worked to erode pervasive stereotypes against Arabs in the media and stood for the human rights of all. The lack of progress in the investigation into his death is, at the very least, disturbing. For 36 years, the Department of Justice and FBI have been ignoring what they themselves deemed an act of domestic terrorism. Just a year after Mr. Odeh's assassination, Rev. Jesse Jackson stood up and criticized the FBI's investigation, and that criticism has only become more prophetic.

In 2013, 28 years after the bombing that took Alex Odeh's life, Ben Jealous, then the President of the NAACP, wrote an op-ed in which he compared Mr. Odeh to the civil rights icon Medgar Evers, highlighting "each man's commitment to building bridges beyond his community". He wrote that Mr. Odeh's "life and work shared strong parallels with Medgar Evers, as did his untimely and tragic death. Unlike Medgar Evers, however, the name Alex Odeh remains unrecognizable for too many Americans, and his murder remains unresolved."

Today, I am introducing a resolution to remember the life and work of Alex Odeh and to call for justice to be served. I ask my colleagues to join me in my call.